



Shared History – Our Shared Future Conference

Donegal 4/5th June 2013

www.donegaldiaspora.ie

Invited speakers

Links between Donegal and the rest of Europe (16th and 17th Centuries)

An Dr Nollaig Ó Muraíle <http://www.nuigalway.ie/gaeilge/foireann/foireann5/>

The Donegal Irish in Scotland since the Great War'.

Professor Tom Devine http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Devine

Donegal's migratory links to the rest of the North West of Ireland including Ulster Scots migratory patterns

Dr Ian Adamson OBE– History of Ulster and its people <http://www.ianadamson.net/index2.htm>

Major Irish Emigration to Butte, Montana and Donegal connections to this (Late 19th Century)

Prof. David M. Emmons, Emeritus Professor of History
<http://www.cas.umt.edu/history/people/facultydetails.cfm?id=1438>.

Donegal emigration to New Zealand

Professor Angela McCarthy <http://www.otago.ac.nz/historyarthistory/staff/otago036861.html>

In addition the following have been invite to attend to contribute to the story of Donegal Today

Mr Frank Talty College of Fine Arts Humanities and Social Sciences Lowell
<http://www.uml.edu/experts/talty-frank.aspx>

Mr Pat Loughrey Warden Goldsmiths Goldsmiths University of London New Cross London
<http://www.gold.ac.uk/warden/>

Senator Gene O'Flaherty – <http://www.malegislature.gov/People/Profile/elo1>

Sir Gerry Robinson <http://www.donegaldiaspora.ie/people/sir-gerry-robinson>

Michael Patrick McDonald <http://www.michaelpatrickmacdonald.com/index.html>

Ronnie Millar Deputy Director Irish International Immigrant Centre Boston
<http://www.linkedin.com/in/ronniemillar>

Kevin Cullen Boston Globe Reporter <http://www.bostonglobe.com/staff/cullen>



Paul Hannigan President of Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT)

Paul Hannigan has been President of Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) since January 1998. Having graduated from UCD with a Bachelor of Commerce (1985) and Masters of Business Studies, specialising in Human Resources Management (1986), Paul began work as a lecturer in Economics and Human Resource Management in Dundalk IT in 1987. In 1992 Paul took on the position of Head of Department of Business Studies in Dundalk, until his appointment to Letterkenny.

Paul is a former member of the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and is currently a Board member of the Central Applications Office (CAO) and Chairman of its Audit Committee. He is active on a number of national committees of the Institutes of Technology Ireland and is a former Chairman of this group. Paul currently serves on the Donegal County Development Board, the North West Regional Executive of IBEC, and Fáilte North West (the regional forum of Fáilte Ireland). He is also a member of the Council of Eurashe, the European Association for Technological Higher Education Institutions.

In 2007, he completed an MSc in Management Practice at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) through the Irish Management Institute (IMI) and in January 2008 was appointed as President of LYIT for a further ten years.



John Andy Bonar Head of Development at Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT)

John Andy Bonar is Head of Development at Letterkenny IT and holds Institute wide senior management responsibility for Research, Development and Innovation, Internationalisation, Lifelong Learning and Engagement. John Andy is a director of three not for profit Community, Sporting and Citizens Information organisations. He holds a significant number of Regional, Cross-Border and

National representational roles on behalf of LYIT and is currently Chair of the Audit Committee of Donegal County Council.

John Andy is a graduate of NUI Galway with B.Comm (Hons) and M.Econ.Sc (Hons) degrees as well as a range of other continuing Professional Development Qualifications. He worked previously for 10 years in the private sector in Management Consulting in Ireland, and the Construction Industry in the UK before joining LYIT 20 years ago. He joined LYIT as Lecturer in Business and was previously Head of School of Business before assuming his current role of Head of Development in 2007.



Mr. Seamus Neely, Manager Donegal County Council

Seamus Neely is the County Manager of Donegal County Council. Seamus started his public service career with Donegal County Council before moving to various roles in Cavan and Monaghan Urban District Councils followed by ten years at Cavan County Council. He returned to Donegal County Council in late 2008 as a Director of Service with responsibility for the Water, Environment and Emergency Services. He took up the post of Donegal County Manager in July 2010.

Seamus has a keen interest in the development of the economy of County Donegal in particular through best use of natural resources and the promotion of micro enterprise. Seamus holds an honours degree in Business Studies from University of Ulster and an MBA from Dublin City University. He is currently the Chairman of the Donegal County Enterprise Board.

Seamus is married to Anne and they live in Letterkenny with their four children.



Michael Heaney, Director of Service Donegal County Council

Michael Heaney is Director of Services with Donegal County Council with specific responsibility for Community, Culture, Planning & Economic Development. In this role he is also Chief Executive of Donegal County Development Board, the statutory body with responsibility for coordination of all development and public service delivery in the Donegal region and also for implementation of the integrated Donegal Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development. In 2006 -2013 he participated as a non executive Director of Ilex – the Derry Urban Regeneration Company. He has been involved in working in the

fields of economic development, natural resource development, tourism, community development, social inclusion, regional and cross-border development and cultural service provision.

Previously worked as a Development Executive with Udarás na Gaeltachta (the Gaeltacht Development Authority) in Kerry, Galway, Mayo and Donegal. Was Manager of Inishowen Rural Development Ltd, Project Leader with Inishowen Community Development Group (Pilot Project of Second EC Anti-Poverty Programme) and Regional Coordinator with the Department of Agriculture and Food (ROI) Integrated Rural Development Programme.



Cllr Ian McGarvey is a politician who is Ireland's most senior public representative either side of the island's border. He is a member of Donegal County Council, representing the Letterkenny Electoral Area and was first elected to Donegal County Council in 2004. He ran as an independent candidate in the 2007 General Election. As well as being a member of the local area committee, he also serves as chair of the Donegal Heritage Forum. Aged 82, Cllr. McGarvey became Ireland's oldest Mayor and Donegal County Council's first Independent Mayor in June 2013. Mayor McGarvey has lived at Moorfield in Ramelton, County Donegal, for more than 50 years.

Now 83 years of age Cllr. Mc Garvey has over the years been involved in a number of enterprises including Dairy and Dry Stock Farming, the Building, Plumbing and Electrical Industry and has some experience also of the Café business.

He worked for a year in Germany developing skills which allowed him to manage the Irish Factory in Ireland, a position which he assumed on his return to Ireland.

He has a long history of community and political activism and is firmly of the opinion that age should not be a barrier in any walk of life.

Over the years he has championed the plight of the elderly in the community at both local and county level, and is an active volunteer with Donegal Care of the Aged Committee.

Ongoing involvement at community level has seen him hold the following positions:-

- Director - Letterkenny Credit Union
- Director - Letterkenny Institute of Technology
- Member of Board of Management, Mulroy College, Milford
- Member of Board of Management, Milford Community School
- Member of the Educational Training Board

In his youth Cllr. Mc Garvey was an accomplished footballer with Sligo Rovers in the League of Ireland and captained local side Swilly Rovers to win the FAI Junior Cup in 1962. He also coached the under 18 Football Team that won the County Championship two years in a row. He has also played for amateur football teams in Germany and in Northern Ireland.

Other keen interests include ballroom dancing, a hobby in which he participates at least two to three nights per week.

